

BARRETT BROWNING INSTITUTE

The core of the Ledbury Places business plan is the proposal to renovate the BBI, with new level access from the main street and a lift in the stair lobby. The BBI could then become a Ledbury Community Hub and Information Centre, with Ledbury Town Council moving their offices into the building to facilitate this community provision.

With the town's library moving out of the BBI to the Master's House, the future of this iconic building is uncertain. There is a risk it could be lost to the community so turning the BBI into a Community Hub could safeguard its long-term future.

The key advantages of this are that it:

- Transforms a difficult but iconic building into one which can be fully used and accessed.
- Keeps the building in community ownership, retaining it for public and community use.
- Locates the Locality Group, the Town Hub and the Town Council offices in a prominent place at the heart of the town.
- Provides fully accessible meeting facilities, particularly for Town Council and Locality meetings.
- Makes the building a focal point for those seeking information.

The changes are relatively modest and leave all the main original spaces in the building unchanged. The new lift can be inserted in the existing hallway with minor changes to the floor level, while the extension of the lower flight of the existing stairs will give better, safer access from Bye Street.

A new doorway to the Homend will give direct access to the main ground floor council space, while the changes also allow independent access for users to the upper floors when the ground floor is closed.

'The BBI Clock Tower: The centre of information, the centre of the community....'



BURGAGE HALL & BUTCHER ROW HOUSE MUSEUM

Ledbury Places proposes to retain the use of both these buildings. Facilities at the Burgage Hall will be enhanced through minor building improvements to ensure it will remain one of the town's best large meeting rooms.

The key advantages of this are:

- The unique qualities of the Butcher Row House Museum and the considerable affection with which it is held in the town are maintained.
- The Burgage Hall can be upgraded without major changes.
- It will attract more use and therefore income.

The proposed changes include:

- An improved entrance to the building.
- Rearrangement of the ground floor sanitary facilities to provide for wheelchair access and use.
- Subdivision of the existing kitchen to create dedicated storage space.
- Enclosure of the balcony at the north end of the Hall with a glazed screen to create a small enclosed meeting space.

'Making the best use of the buildings for the benefit of the whole community....'

